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July 23, 2021

Ms. Karen Barber, Esq. 280 State Drive, NOB 2 North Waterbury, VT 05671

RE: Docket No. GMCB-002-21con, Construction of Secure Residential Treatment Program for Individuals Requiring Residential Treatment Program Services for Mental Health Conditions. Project cost: \$21,900,521.

Dear Ms. Barber:

We have reviewed the above referenced Certificate of Need (CON) application submitted by the Vermont Department of Mental Health.

The application is now closed. The closing of the application begins the Board's statutory review period during which the application will be evaluated against the relevant statutory and regulatory criteria. Since an applicant bears the burden of proving that a project meets these criteria, the Board may contact the Vermont Department of Mental Health with additional questions or require further submissions during the review period.

Individuals or entities have up to five business days (by July 30, 2021) following the closure of an application to petition for interested party or amicus curiae status. The Board will hold a hearing in this matter and comments from the public will be accepted through August 2, 2021, ten calendar days after the date of this application close letter.

We are in the process of scheduling a public hearing date and hour and will communicate that information to you tomorrow.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 802-760-8162.

Sincerely,

s/ Donna JerryDonna JerrySenior Health Policy Analyst

cc. Laura Beliveau, Staff Attorney Green Mountain Care Board

